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CANADIANS READY TO BRING IT

Canada's Christine Sinclair celebrates her goal against Mexico during the second half of CONCACAF women's Olympic qualifying soccer at BC Place in Vancouver on Wednesday. Canada is taking an experienced women's soccer team to the London Olympics. A recent Ipsos Reid poll found a renewed sense of patriotism across the country — does that mean more of us will be enthralled with this summer's Olympic Games? Story, pg. 3. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canada Day Events in the Queen City

The city is hosting its Canada Day celebrations on the grounds of the Legislative Building on Sunday with a range of different events including:

The Annual 21 Gun Salute

The Royal Canadian Artillery will be conducting the salute, carried out by a 38 Brigade Artillery Tactical Group. Troops will also hand out Canada Day flags and pins and Canadian Forces memorabilia.

The Annual Plywood Race

Weeks ago, teams were each given a sheet of plywood and a roll of duck-tape, among other materials, to stitch together a boat. At 2:30 p.m. on Wascana Lake, their creations will hit the water to race for the Plywood Cup. The event collects money for charity as well, raising $55,000 last year for the RaiseAReader program and the Pediatric Outpatient Unit at Regina General Hospital.

Main Stage Music

A number of bands will perform throughout the day on the Canada Day main stage. They include Regina's own Matt Semple & Madison Nicol Band, Wonderland and Kenny Sheilds & Streetheart.

Western Canada's Strongest Man Competition

Western Canada's beefiest brawn will out-lift, out-hurl and out-drag each other for the title of Strongest Man. The event runs from 1-3 p.m. on Legislative Drive.

Other events outside of Wascana include:

Government House Garden Party

The Garden Party runs from 1-4 p.m. and admission is free.

On Saturday and Monday, the Canada Day Regatta takes place in Wascana Park.

Fireworks will take place at 10:30 p.m., or later depending when the sun sets.

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Brianne Theisen of Humboldt jumps to place first in the high-jump as she competes in the heptathlon event at the Canadian Track and Field Championships in Calgary on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Showing our Canadian pride at 2012 Olympics

Athletic cheer.
Renewed patriotism surges as start of Summer Olympics nears

JANE CAULFIELD
Metro in Saskatoon

A recent Ipsos Reid survey showed that Canadians see the maple leaf as the top symbol of pride for the True North, strong and free.

In fact, survey results highlight a renewed sense of extroverted patriotism across the country — something we can showcase at the 2012 Summer Olympics.

Bal Gosal, minister of state for sport, is urging all Canadians to come together and cheer on Team Canada at the summer games.

"Our athletes are not only high-performance heroes, but an enormous source of pride for all Canadians and outstanding role models for our youth," Gosal said.

Katherine Winstanley, a PhD student at McMaster University's school of political science and author of the paper, Sport, (Middle)Power and Prestige: The Olympics and Canadian Identity, says Canadians typically don't express as much patriotism at the Summer Games as they do for the Winter Games.

"The Summer Olympics are much more focused on the individual athlete," said Winstanley. "The successes of individual athletes, like Donovan Bailey in '96, become the sort of stories that celebrate Canadian immigrants or multiculturalism."

Winstanley said the same kind of political narratives are told in reverse about failures.

She says the Own the Podium initiative promotes a more concerted effort for athletes to feel more like they are representing the country, and there is a specific kind of nationalism that is sold through the Olympics.

"I actually really love the Olympics," Winstanley chuckles, adding that she will watch as many events as she possibly can.

Quoted

"The Canadian Olympic Team has an ambitious goal for London: 'Top 12 in 2012' and we know we have the best Summer Olympic team ever."

Dimitri Soudas, executive director communications, Canadian Olympic Committee

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Canadians can visit olympic.ca to learn how they can show their support to the athletes competing in London. You can also follow and connect with the team on Facebook at facebook.com/canadianolympicteam.

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On the web

Crowning 'Miss Holocaust Survivor'

Grinning and waving, 14 women who survived the horrors of the Second World War paraded in an unusual pageant on Thursday, vying for the honour of being crowned Israel's first "Miss Holocaust Survivor." Organizers have billed the pageant as a celebration of life, but the event also stirred controversy in a country where millions have been touched by the Holocaust. Go to metronews.ca to read the full story.

Mobile news

Colin Hart admits the impression his anti-cheating wedding band leaves on the wearer's finger — "I Am Married" — lasts only about 15 minutes . But, he says, bar conversations don't usually last longer than that. Scan the code to find out how he and his wife are putting a twist on traditional wedding rituals.

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Film industry. MLA wants to mark the end of province's film tax credit

As the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit is scheduled to end on Saturday, Danielle Chartier, MLA for Saskatoon Riversdale and NDP critic for culture, suggested Thursday that one item be added to the Saskatchewan time capsule.

To represent the film industry in Saskatchewan, Chartier asked that a DVD copy of the show Corner Gas Season Two — on which there's an episode about a time capsule — be added to the vessel.

"The jobs Corner Gas created and investment it brought into Saskatchewan's economy were significant," said Chartier. "But, I also think that the chance to tell our uniquely-Saskatchewan stories and to show pride in our roots was priceless," Chartier said in a release.

Three companies have so far announced that they'll be closing their doors in Regina and moving elsewhere, including Partners in Motion and Verite Films, the producers Corner Gas.

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Indian Act proposal. Saskatchewan native leaders insulted by bill

Chiefs at the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) assembly say they are insulted by a MP's proposal to change the Indian Act.

Desnethe-Missinippi-Churchill River Member of Parliament Rob Clarke outlined his private member's bill to change the Indian Act to those at the assembly in Nipawin, Sask., on Tuesday.

He told the leaders he wouldn't take questions, but he welcomed their feedback and ideas on how to shape the bill.

FSIN vice-chief Morley Watson says chiefs were not consulted when the bill was drafted, nor do they recognize Clarke's attendance as a form of consultation.

Watson says the Conservative government is behind this bill and has sent a First Nations MP to front their agenda.

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Heritage

School put on endangered list

Connaught Community School has been put on Heritage Canada Foundation's list of Top 10 endangered Canadian heritage buildings.

Connaught is Regina's oldest school building, turning 100 this year. The school board is currently deciding whether to demolish the building or renovate it.

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Environment

Diesel mandate in effect July 1

Saskatchewan's Renewable Diesel Mandate will come into effect on July 1, the province announced Thursday. The mandate hopes to establish an average of two per cent renewable content in diesel fuel sold in the province.

That could reduce greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to taking 5,000 cars off the road annually.

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Regina Mayor Pat Fiacco addresses the media on Thursday afternoon. CARRIE-MAY SIGGINS/METRO

Province offers to kick in stadium cash

30 per cent covered. Province touts public good for funding

The Saskatchewan government has spiked the city of Regina's request for $230 million for a project that includes a new football stadium for the CFL Roughriders.

But the province said it will kick in up to 30 per cent for a new stadium to a maximum of $80 million. The government is also willing to finance a portion of the project in the form of a loan "in a reasonable amount," Ken Cheveldayoff, minister responsible for the proposed facility, said Thursday.

"I've always believed that there is a role for the provincial government here, that there is a public good to be gained from a facility such as this," Cheveldayoff said at the legislature.

The province has stipulated that the new stadium would have to be "roof-ready."

"There was a concern that if we just went open-air and threw the idea of an enclosed facility out, that maybe we'd be preventing ourselves from looking at something in the future," said Cheveldayoff.

"We don't want to be in a position five years from now to say, well, you built it this way and there's no way that you can ever have a roof enclosed or retractable. We want to have it in a way that at some point in the future, if we do decide to go with a roof ... we just to be able to have that from an architectural and a structural standpoint."

The minister said it would be up to the city, the Riders and private sector partners to come up with the rest of the money.

A smiling Regina Mayor Pat Fiacco said it's $80 million more than the project had a day earlier.

"It's safe to say that we're just about to score a touchdown," said Fiacco.

"We're going to continue to work with our partners today and I would suggest to you that we want to have this thing all wrapped up by the end of July."

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"I think this amount is fair. I'm very comfortable with it, and I'm hoping that the city and the Riders see it the same way."

Ken Cheveldayoff, minister responsible for stadium proposal

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Product recall. Bacteria detected in Kimberly-Clark hand sanitizer

A hand sanitizer meant to protect people against germs is being recalled because of microbial contamination.

Kimberly-Clark is recalling its Kleenex-brand Luxury Foam Hand Sanitizer after company testing detected bacteria that may pose serious risks to people with weakened immune systems.

Health Canada says people with the lung disorder cystic fibrosis are especially vulnerable.

The affected hand sanitizer comes in one-litre and 1.2-litre containers, and is used in large-volume dispensers, such as those found in public areas and workspaces.

The recall affects about 430 containers, which were distributed to retail stores and wholesalers across Canada. Companies or individuals should remove the product from use.

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Low risk for healthy

- The bacteria identified in the tested samples are from the Burkholderia cepacia group. These bacteria pose little risk to healthy Canadians, as their bodies are able to successfully fight off infections, Health Canada said Thursday.

Grounded

Flight diverted due to windshield crack

An Air Canada flight travelling from Toronto to London, England, was diverted to Halifax early Thursday because of a crack in the cockpit's windshield.

A spokeswoman for the Halifax Stanfield International Airport says officials received the call about the diversion around 3 a.m. and Flight 862 landed safely at 5:17 a.m.

Air Canada regional spokeswoman Isabelle Arthur says no emergency was declared, and the flight proceeded to Halifax without incident.

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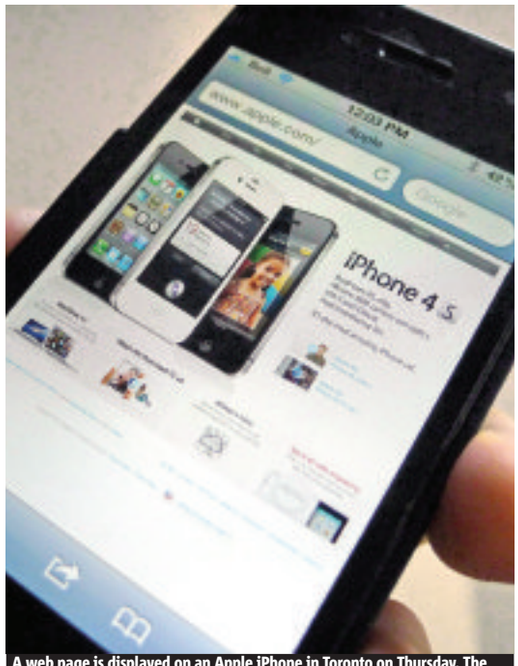
Class-action lawsuit against cellular giants can proceed



A web page is displayed on an Apple iPhone in Toronto on Thursday. The Supreme Court is allowing a class-action lawsuit against Canadian cellphone companies over system-access fees to proceed. GRAEME ROY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Supreme Court. Judges allow 2004 case against Canada's major wireless carriers after several appeals

The Supreme Court of Canada is allowing a class-action lawsuit against Canadian cellphone companies over system-access fees to proceed.

The suit against some of the country's biggest wireless carriers, including Rogers, Telus and Bell Mobility, was launched in 2004.

The companies appealed the certification of the suit all the way to the Supreme Court, which dismissed the appeal Thursday — paving the way for it to proceed.

As is customary, the high court did not provide reasons for its decision.

The suit alleges the cellphone companies wrongfully collected the fees from customers, which were in addition to other monthly fees for phone service.

It calls for the respondents to be reimbursed.

The lawsuit claims that monthly "system-access fees" were created in response to annual fees charged by the government.

However, "these fees amount to less than 20 per cent of the additional charges being charged to their customers under the guise of government taxes," the claim says.

The access-fee charge, typically $6.95, "bears no relation to any actual cost of providing wireless or cellular services, but was an amount selected ... by the defendants to proliferate the misrepresentation (that) ... charges were being collected as a tax on behalf of a government agency."

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Out of appeals

"We are confident the case is without merit and baseless, at least as it related to Telus."

Telus statement

Elliot Lake tragedy. Public demands answers in aftermath of mall collapse

An array of accusations from local residents, death threats against a mall owner and the prospect of a class action lawsuit all collided in the aftermath of a deadly roof collapse in Elliot Lake, Ont., Thursday, even as the province promised to scrutinize every angle of the tragedy.

Those closest to the victims, however, said their many unanswered questions could wait while they mourned.

"We need to focus on grieving with our loved ones and saying thank you," said an emotional Gary Gendron, whose fiancé Lucie Aylwin was killed in Saturday's collapse at the Algo Centre Mall.

"Frankly I myself have a lot of unanswered questions. Now is not the time to be asking those questions or trying to get answers."

After an arduous five-day rescue mission which ended with the retrieval of two bodies, Premier Dalton McGuinty promised Thursday that his province will "carefully review" how it responded to the collapse.

The regional coroner's office, with the assistance of provincial police, is already probing the deaths of two women who died when an avalanche of concrete and metal crashed through a part of the mall.

The Ministry of Labour, which visited the shopping centre six times in the last three years, is also investigating.

To add to those efforts, McGuinty said the province would be examining the incident in its entirety, which would include placing the history of the mall under "intense review."

"Once those preliminary investigations have been conducted, we'll be in a better position to determine what kind of review we need to put in place to provide people with assurance that things that need to be done, were in fact done," McGuinty said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montreal

Hospital under scrutiny after two patients killed

Intense scrutiny is being placed on a Montreal hospital where, in the course of several days, two psychiatric patients were killed and an attempt was allegedly made on the life of a third patient.

The union representing health-care professionals at Notre-Dame Hospital says it warned management last year that staffing cuts to the psychiatric department could have consequences.

Union president Guy Brochu says he doesn't expect hospital psychiatric wards to be treated like prisons — but he wants officials to examine whether the situation could have been avoided with extra staff surveillance.

Two elderly patients were killed, by asphyxiation, in the hospital's psychiatric ward on separate days earlier this month.

Police arrested a 31-year-old psychiatric patient last week and charged him with attempted murder after he allegedly attacked a 71-year-old female patient in the ward. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Egypt. New first lady nothing like predecessor

Egypt's new first lady Naglaa Ali Mahmoud and her predecessor Suzanne Mubarak share one thing in common: Both have seen their husbands and sons detained in prison.

The similarities appear to end there. Suzanne Mubarak was an elegant, sophisticated university graduate with a British mother. She was criticized for being elitist, vain, self-important, overbearing and oblivious to the plight of ordinary Egyptians.

By contrast, Islamist president-elect Mohammed Morsi's wife is a conservative, Muslim who wears a veil and did not attend college. Detractors consider her style to be emblematic of Egypt's steady march toward conservative Islam, while supporters suggest her modest demeanour and background embody the democratic spirit of the revolution.

Mahmoud has reportedly said she would prefer not to live in the Presidential Palace, and the couple has yet to move in. She also doesn't want to be called the first lady.

Title?

"Who said that the president's wife is the first lady, anyways?"

Naglaa Ali Mahmoud

Instead, she prefers to be called Umm Ahmed, which means mother of Ahmed — her eldest son. It's a moniker some secular elites might disdain as patriarchal. Her defenders note that unlike the two first ladies before her, she has not taken on her husband's last name in a sign of self-assertion that falls in line with Islamic tradition throughout Egypt. If she must have a title, she says, she would not mind being called "the first servant" of the people.

Egyptians will be watching to see whether Umm Ahmed meets foreign dignitaries and attends conferences and other events. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Zimbabwe

'Witches' to be examined

Court officials in Zimbabwe say two self-confessed witches who claim to have flown on a magical grain-threshing basket are to undergo medical and psychiatric examinations. Prosecutors said two women were arrested earlier this month after being found naked in a yard. The women are charged under witchcraft laws carrying the penalty of a fine. In local belief, the basket is equivalent to the West's witch broomstick. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Game goes global

'Communist Monopoly' for sale

A popular Polish board game based on the hardships of communism now has international editions. Poland's National Remembrance Institute released "Kolejka" last year to teach youth about frustrations and shortages during the decades of communism. Though referred to as "Communist Monopoly" the game doesn't let players collect rent or buy land. Instead, they can't buy anything after waiting in long lines. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Supreme Court upholds health law

Partisan divide. Obama's health-care changes have been sharply criticized in the run-up to elections

Supporters of U.S. President Barack Obama's health-care law celebrate outside the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., Thursday after the court's ruling. DAVID GOLDMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday upheld the heart of President Barack Obama's health-care overhaul, handing him a huge election-year political victory and keeping in force the legislative centrepiece of his term, a law aimed at covering more than 30-million uninsured Americans.

The decision means the historic overhaul — opposed by virtually all Republicans including Mitt Romney, Obama's challenger — will continue to go into effect over the coming years, affecting the way that countless Americans receive and pay for their medical care.

The decision, written by conservative Chief Justice John Roberts, sided with Obama on the centrepiece of the law, which requires all Americans to have health insurance or face a federal fine.

"Whatever the politics, today's decision was a victory for people all over this country," Obama said, speaking on national television.

"It should be pretty clear by now that I didn't do this because it was good politics," he said. "I did it because it was good for the country."

By letting the law stand, the decision keeps the U.S. on a course toward joining all other major developed countries in guaranteeing health care for all its citizens.

Republicans were quick to respond. Romney said his mission now was to see the overhaul repealed, calling the changes in the system "bad law."

Republican Party Chairman Reince Priebus added in a statement: "Today's Supreme Court decision sets the stakes for the November election. Now, the only way to save the country from ObamaCare's budget-busting government takeover of health care is to elect a new president."

Polls show a majority of Americans do not support the health-care overhaul, which, ironically, was based on a plan put in place in Massachusetts when Romney was governor there. The Massachusetts law has been widely supported by residents since it took effect in 2006. While Romney defends his plan, he has said such changes should be left to states and not be imposed by the federal government. He has promised to revoke the overhaul if he wins the election in November.

The court's liberal justices, Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, joined Roberts in the decision.

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Health insurance 2014

- The law would prohibit insurance companies from denying coverage to people with existing health problems.
- It gives subsidies to help uninsured middle-class households pay premiums, and expands federal health care for the poor.
- 26 million may remain without coverage after the law is fully implemented.

Turkey deploys heavy weaponry to Syrian border as tensions rise

Former allies. Turkey now among strongest critics of Assad regime; violence in Syria has claimed some 14,000 lives

Syrians inspect burned cars at the site of a blast in the Syrian capital of Damascus on Thursday. MUZAFFAR SALMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turkey deployed anti-aircraft guns, rocket launchers and other weapons along its border with Syria on Thursday.

It was a military buildup that came as world powers showed new urgency to resolve the crisis in Syria before it ignites the region.

A bomb exploded in central Damascus near a busy market and the country's main justice complex, wounding at least three people, damaging cars in a parking lot and sending a black cloud rising above the Syrian capital.

It was not clear who was behind the bombing.

Much of the violence that has gripped Syria since the uprising began in March 2011 has been sanctioned by the government of President Bashar Assad to crush dissent.

Rebel fighters are launching increasingly deadly attacks on regime targets, and several massive suicide attacks this year suggest al-Qaida or other extremists are joining the fray.

Turkey, a former ally of Syria, has become one of the strongest critics of the Assad regime, and tensions between the two countries spiked following the downing of a Turkish military plane last week. A small convoy of Turkish military trucks towing anti-aircraft guns entered a military outpost on the border opposite a similar Syrian outpost.

Several anti-aircraft guns have also been deployed elsewhere along the border. Ties between the two have not been this low since the 1990s. Tensions ran high in the 80s and 90s as Turkey developed military ties with Israel and Syria sheltered a Turkish Kurd guerrilla leader.

Now, Turkey is hosting Syrian opposition groups.

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Tinderbox

More and more flee Syria

The UN refugee agency says the number of people fleeing the violence in Syria could double to 185,000 by the end of the year.

Agency officials say the number of refugees who have fled Syria has already doubled to 96,000 since March, forcing them to redraw their plans for how best to help — and the amount of money they will need to provide the help.

A UN official praised Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey for "tremendous generosity" by providing refugee camps and other help.

The agency's regional co-ordinator for Syrian refugees said $193 million is needed to help the Syrian refugees.

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Greek police make arrests in counterfeit-euro-coin scam

Police in northern Greece have arrested two men accused of making tens of thousands of counterfeit two-euro coins.

A Bulgarian man aged 59 and a 41-year-old alleged Greek accomplice were arrested near Greece's second largest city, Thessaloniki. Police were also seeking the arrest of a 40-year-old Greek man.

Police seized thousands of nickel- and copper-alloy pieces used to make the coins.

They also seized machinery that could embed the coins with the Greek national design and make them look real.

The arrests were made in the village of Epanomi, 20 kilometres outside Thessaloniki, Greece's second-largest city.

Following the tip, Greek police investigated alongside the European Union's crime-fighting agency Europol on the case.

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Police display moulds for counterfeit two-euro coins in the Greek city of Thessaloniki on Thursday.
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Bosnia. Karadzic acquitted on one charge of genocide, trial continues

The Yugoslav war-crimes tribunal acquitted former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic of one charge of genocide Thursday but upheld 10 other war crimes counts.

The counts all relate to atrocities in Bosnia's bloody war.

While the decision was a setback for prosecutors and angered survivors in Bosnia, the 10 pending charges against Karadzic include another genocide count covering his alleged involvement in the 1995 Srebrenica massacre of 8,000 Muslim men and boys.

The charge that was dismissed Thursday covered the mass killings, expulsions and persecution by Serb forces of Muslims and Croats from Bosnian towns early in the country's 1992-95 war.

Judge Oh-Gon Kwon said prosecutors did not provide enough evidence to "be capable of supporting a conviction of genocide in the (Bosnian) municipalities."

The trial will continue later this year on the remaining counts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vatican City

Rare Vatican press conference

The Vatican bank, one of the most secretive institutions in the Vatican, opened its doors to journalists Thursday in a bid to show it is serious about fighting money-laundering and being more financially transparent.

During a three-hour PowerPoint presentation, the bank's director Paolo Cipriani outlined the unusual nature of the Institute for Religious Works, the bank's official name.

He also sought to refute media allegations that the bank has been less than co-operative with requests for financial information.

There are ongoing suspicions by Italian authorities that it hasn't abided by anti-money laundering norms.

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U.S. to share data about Canadians

Border deal. New privacy charter intended to make border crossing easier without sacrificing mutual security

The United States will be allowed to share information about Canadians with other countries under a sweeping new border deal.

A newly released binational privacy charter says that in most cases it won't have to tell Canada about its plan to pass along the information.

Information-sharing about security cases has sometimes been a sore point between the two countries since 9-11.

Canada and the U.S. jointly released the 12-point statement of privacy principles late Thursday, covering areas including data quality, information security, effective oversight, and redress for people whose privacy is infringed.

The principles help flesh out a security deal struck by the two countries last year.

The deal is intended to help smooth the passage of people and cargo over the Canada-U.S. border while bolstering continental security.

The most contentious feature could be the plan to exchange entry information collected from all persons at the border, which would serve as a record of exit from the other country.

The privacy charter's preamble says greater information sharing between Canada and the U.S. "is vital to protecting the security of our citizens'' and that personal information is to be provided, received and used only in accordance with domestic and international laws applicable to the two countries.

The principles say Canada or the U.S. may transfer information received from the other to a third country.

For instance, the U.S. could send information received from Canada to an ally abroad. However, the U.S. could do so only if American law allowed it. And it must be done in accordance with international agreements and arrangements.

In the absence of such "international agreements and arrangements," the U.S. must inform Canada prior to the transfer, or as soon as possible after the transfer in the case of urgent circumstances.

The federal privacy commissioner's office, which was consulted during drafting of the principles, said Thursday it would "take some time to read these in order to see how any suggestions we provided may have been reflected."

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Neighbours

A look at the border:

- **Long.** The border is 8,891km long, including 2,475km with Alaska.
- **Busy.** Canadians made over 48 million trips to the U.S. last year. That number is expected to increase as more duty exemptions come into effect.
- **Porous.** The 9-11 Commission found that it was easy to enter the U.S. from Canada illegally. And that smuggling is on the increase.

Raising a rainbow for Pride Week

Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter participates in a flag-raising ceremony in front of Province House in Halifax Thursday to officially launch community Pride events across the province. This year marks the 25th anniversary of Pride Week celebrations in Nova Scotia. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

G20 protests. Agency 'in the dark' about policing

A new report concludes the civilian agency responsible for oversight of Toronto police found itself largely in the dark when it came to policing at the G20 summit.

The review by retired justice John Morden finds the police services board didn't ask enough questions of the police chief, wrongly believing it couldn't seek information on operational matters.

Some members of the board blamed Chief Bill Blair for being secretive but the report faults the board for failing to get the information it should have had.

Morden says the board had far too little time — just four months — to prepare for the June 2010 summit, which was marred by vandalism and the arrest of more than 1,100 people.

In effect, the report, which makes 38 recommendations, found the board became "a mere bystander in a process it was supposed to lead."

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Skilled workers. Popular immigrant plans on hold

Federal Immigration Minister Jason Kenney is putting the brakes on new applications under two programs popular with people wanting to come to Canada from abroad.

Kenney told a Calgary business audience that the federal government is placing a moratorium on the Federal Skilled Worker Program and the Immigrant Investor Program.

Both were scheduled to reopen for applications at the end of the month.

He says he hopes the programs will be revamped by the end of the year.

Ottawa has already legislated away a seven-year backlog of people who applied to get into Canada before rules were rejigged.

Kenney had already announced plans to overhaul the investor program in the spring and his intention is to consult with stakeholders, the provinces and territories on how best to reform it.

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Came to pick vegetables.
After 84 years, L.A. man becomes a U.S. citizen

A 102-year-old Filipino man who came to the U.S. as a youth in 1928 to pick vegetables became a citizen during a touching naturalization ceremony in Los Angeles.

"I'm happy," Philippines-born Joaquin Arciago Guzman said in his native Tagalog after Wednesday's ceremony, where about 7,300 joined him in taking the citizenship oath.

Only 27 people older than 100 have become citizens in the past 50 years, according to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

"It's extremely rare to see anyone over 100," said Nancy Alby, the agency's field office director for Los Angeles County. "We get a handful in their 90s and 80s. It's more common to see people in their 70s."

The oldest person ever to become a citizen was Manik Bokchalian. She was 117 years old when she took the oath in 1997.

Joaquin Arciago Guzman swearing an oath of citizenship Wednesday. KEVORK DJANSEZIAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Guzman left the Philippines to harvest lettuce and cabbage in the fertile fields south of San Francisco.

He returned to the Philippines and married Paz Irene Gatchalian, then came back to the United States before the birth of the first of their six children. Guzman brought his wife and two of their adult children to the United States in 1984.

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Tempers flare at Chilean student protest

Students clash with riot police during a protest to demand that President Sebastian Pinera's government overhaul the education system to guarantee free, quality public education for all Chileans, in front of La Moneda presidential palace in Santiago Thursday. HECTOR RETAMAL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No U.S. citizenship for war criminal

John Demjanjuk. Convicted in Germany for Nazi atrocities, former auto worker died while case was still under appeal

A U.S. appeals court on Thursday rejected a request to restore the U.S. citizenship of a recently deceased autoworker convicted of Nazi war crimes.

The Court of Appeals ruled that John Demjanjuk cannot regain his citizenship posthumously, saying his death made the case moot.

Demjanjuk died March 17 in Germany at age 91. His defence attorneys had said the U.S. withheld potentially helpful material in his case and asked the court to restore his citizenship.

One of Demjanjuk's attorneys said the defence was evaluating the opinion. There was no immediate comment from Demjanjuk's family.

The Ukraine-born Demjanjuk lived for decades in the U.S. before he was convicted by a German court in May 2011 on 28,060 counts of being an accessory to murder at the Sobibor death camp in occupied Poland.

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Evidence

Defence says Nazi ID card could be fake

The defence team alleged that a judge violated basic fairness by ruling against John Demjanjuk's citizenship appeal without holding a hearing on a 1985 secret FBI report uncovered recently by The Associated Press.

The document indicates that the FBI believed a Nazi ID card purportedly showing that Demjanjuk served as a death camp guard was a Soviet-made fake.

The government responded to the 1985 document with an affidavit last year from retired FBI agent Thomas Martin.

Martin said the report he wrote was based on speculation and not on any investigation.

He said he had reached no conclusions about the ID card's authenticity.

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Oldest yet

20,000-year-old pottery found

Pottery fragments found in a south China cave have been confirmed to be 20,000 years old, making them the oldest known pottery in the world, archaeologists say. The findings, which will appear in the journal Science on Friday, refute theories that the use of pottery began about 10,000 years ago when humans began farming.

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Greek tragedy

Man dies after he falls off Acropolis

Police say a man who fell off Greece's most famous monument, the Acropolis, in central Athens, has died.

Authorities said the circumstances surrounding the fall Thursday morning were not clear. The 42-year-old Greek bank employee, whose identity has not been made public, had suffered serious head injuries in the fall.

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New evidence. Saturn's largest moon may have an ocean beneath surface

This true colour image shows Saturn's largest moon, Titan, passing in front of the planet and its rings. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scientists reported Thursday on the strongest sign yet that Saturn's giant moon may have a salty ocean beneath its chilly surface.

If confirmed, it would catapult Titan into an elite class of solar system moons harbouring water, an essential ingredient for life.

Titan boasts methane-filled seas at the poles and a possible lake near the equator. And it's long been speculated that Titan contains a hidden liquid layer, based on mathematical modelling and electric field measurements made by the Huygens spacecraft that landed on the surface in 2005.

The latest evidence is still indirect, but outside scientists said it's probably the best that can be obtained short of sending a spacecraft to drill into the surface — a costly endeavour that won't happen anytime soon.

Expert

"Any environment that has liquid water needs to be investigated carefully."

Jean-Luc Margot, planetary scientist of the University of California

The research looks convincing, said Gabriel Tobie of France's University of Nantes.

"If the analysis is correct, this is a very important finding," Tobie said in an email.

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North Korean defector claims she was tricked

True story? Woman calls herself an 'ingrate' for leaving country in rare televised press conference

A North Korean woman said Thursday that she was tricked into defecting six years ago by South Korean agents who offered to arrange a reunion with her father, who went to the South during the Korean War.

The rare public account that 66-year-old Pak Jong Suk told to local and foreign reporters at a news conference at the People's Palace of Culture in Pyongyang could not be independently confirmed. South Korea's Unification Ministry said it was investigating and would release its findings later.

"I am an ingrate who has betrayed my motherland to seek better living while others devoted themselves to building a thriving nation, tightening their belts," said Pak, clad in a pink traditional Korean dress.

It is unusual for North Korea to hold and televise a news conference for foreign as well as local media featuring ordinary citizens — particularly a former defector. It was not possible to immediately verify whether Pak spoke on government orders or of her own volition, but North Korea has bristled in recent weeks at allegations of rights abuses and maltreatment of repatriated defectors.

Crossing over

23,000

More than 23,000 North Koreans have defected since the Korean War ended in 1953.

Pak said she slipped undetected across the Tumen River from the North Korean city of Chongjin into China in March 2006, after being promised that she would be reunited with her father in the Chinese city of Qingdao. She said she hoped to get money from him. Three months later, after paying smugglers, she said she was tricked by South Korean intelligence agents into boarding a boat that landed in South Korea.

The circumstances of how she returned to the North were not clear. She said she lives now in Pyongyang with her son, a teacher, and his wife, who appeared at her side at the news conference, parts of which were later broadcast on state television.

"When I deplaned, quieting my thumping heart, I was stunned by the cordial reception," Pak said, revealing her surprise that she wasn't treated more harshly upon her return.

The U.S. State Department said in its annual human rights report last month that the relatives of defectors face "collective punishment" if a family member defects.

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Euro 2012

Russian, Spanish associations fined

UEFA fined the Russian and Spanish football associations a total of $62,000 US on Thursday for racist abuse by their fans at European Championship matches.

UEFA said its disciplinary panel found both countries guilty of "improper conduct of its fans (racist behaviour, racist chanting)."

Russian fans made monkey noises at Czech Republic defender Theodor Gebre Selassie and Spain fans targeted abuse at Italy forward Mario Balotelli. Both players are black.

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Lost & found

Sunk Italian WW2 ship located

The Italian navy says the wreckage of the World War II battleship Roma, sunk by German planes 69 years ago with the loss of 1,352 lives, has been located north of Sardinia.

The navy says the wreckage was located Thursday some 1,000 metres under the sea by a company using a deep-sea diving robot.

The battleship was sunk by a German aircraft on Sept 9, 1943, a day after Italy signed an armistice with the Allies. It was headed to Malta when spotted by the Germans.

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Ecological architecture

A man uses the sky walk during a viewing of the Supertrees at Graden by the Bay at Marina Bay Sands on June 29 in Singapore. The structures vary from 25-50 metres in height and stand in the financial district. CHRIS MCGRATH/GETTY IMAGES

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Research In Motion still stumbling

First-quarter results. Troubled tech firm's shares plunge after news of deep job cuts and postponed launch of the BlackBerry 10

Research In Motion is delaying the launch of its much anticipated BlackBerry 10 handset until next year and cutting 5,000 jobs as it restructures operations, the troubled smartphone company said Thursday.

The launch of BlackBerry 10, seen as key to the recovery of the company, had been expected later this year and will now miss the important holiday shopping season.

"This was a challenging quarter for the company on many fronts and I'm not satisfied with the financial performance we are reporting," chief executive Thorsten Heins said on a conference call.

Heins said the company's top priority is the launch of the first BlackBerry 10 device, which it has pushed to the first quarter of 2013.

The company also plans to simplify its operations, which includes cutting back on the number of different BlackBerry devices on the market, as well as reducing its "layers of management" and outsourcing more of its non-core functions.

RIM shares plunged 16 per cent in after-hours trading on the Nasdaq, losing $1.50 to $7.63 US. Shares closed up two cents at $9.46 on the Toronto Stock Exchange in regular-hours trading Thursday.

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I am not satisfied with these results and continue to work ... to implement meaningful changes to address the challenges."
RIM CEO Thorsten Heins

Company fined for illegal export

Pratt & Whitney Canada is among the United Technologies companies that will pay up to about $75 million US in penalties after pleading guilty Thursday to violating U.S. law for illegally exporting military software to China.

The Quebec-based subsidiary pleaded guilty to three counts of violating the Arms Export Control Act and making false statements in connection with the export of software used in the development of China's first modern military attack helicopter.

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WestJet CEO gets hands-on with the Q400

WestJet Airlines president and CEO Gregg Saretsky looks at a tongue-in-cheek "Sold" sign on Bombardier Aerospace's Q400 aircraft in Calgary on Thursday. WestJet will begin receiving the Q400 for their new regional airline in 2013. WestJet has signed a conditional order for 20 Q400 NextGen turboprops. The new airline is anticipated to serve regional airports that are currently considered underserved.

LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Web wars

Google releases Chrome browser for iPhone, iPad

Google's Chrome browser can now be used to surf the Internet on the iPhone and iPad.

The Chrome application released Thursday is the latest volley in the escalating rivalry between Google and Apple, the maker of the popular mobile devices.

Google's attempt to supplant Apple's own Safari browser comes a day after it unveiled its plans to sell a low-priced tablet computer to compete against the iPad and Amazon's Kindle Fire.

The arrival of Chrome on Apple's mobile operating system comes a month after Yahoo released a browser called Axis for the iPhone and iPad.

Unlike Axis, however, Chrome already has emerged as one of the most popular alternatives to Microsoft's Internet Explorer on traditional computers.

Google co-founder Sergey Brin
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Google revealed Thursday that Chrome now has 310 million active users, up from 160 million a year ago.

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On Wednesday it was the Canada Day List, highlighting 10 great things about Canada. Today it's the Metro List, our authoritative tally of the most noteworthy events of the week.

1 **You want a list? I'll give you a list.** Because we're so big on lists around here, we tip our hats in the general direction of the Maclean's Book of Lists, which, even though it's from the competition, is the Mother of All Lists, including 12 things you didn't know were invented by Canadians, the top-10 crying hockey players, eight Canadian sitcoms that sucked and seven facts about winning the lottery. Plus it hits the stands on Canada Day (see above).

2 **Obamacare.** The president's medical-coverage scheme survives the U.S. Supreme Court. Now it's the law that every American must have health coverage. It's kind of like being a Canadian. Too bad Fox and CNN, in the race to be first, got it dead wrong, reporting that SCOTUS struck the law down and then correcting themselves. Red faces all around.

3 **Speaking of Obama.** A poll says 65 per cent of Americans think he'll do better than Mitt Romney if there's an alien invasion. Either they believe he was born in Kenya, and is therefore an alien himself, or they think Romney would declare all the aliens illegal and deport them back to Alpha Centauri.

4 **He's not crying.** Sidney Crosby signs a deal to make $104 million US to play hockey for the Pittsburgh Penguins for the next 12 years. Gordie Howe, a 23-time NHL all-star, made $100,000 in his highest-paid season. In his 103-point best year, he was the third-highest paid guy on the team, making $45,000.

5 **Tennis, anyone?** Wimbledon considers introducing a court-side grunt-o-meter to measure the decibel count on grunts from female tennis players. Maria Sharapova can hit decibels — 101 — greater than a jackhammer and a motorcycle.

6 **The Algo Centre Mall.** The commercial heart of Elliot Lake, Ont., collapses. Tragedy strikes anyone, any day, but can't we make sure that malls don't collapse? Like, build it right to begin with.

7 **Naked truth.** The Canadian national women's rugby team bares all for a fundraising calendar. The Canadian national men's rugby team promises not to publish a naked calendar if we give them money.

8 **Bieber Watch.** Justin Bieber enjoys the year's biggest debut as his latest album, Believe, sold 374,000 copies in its first week, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan. I wonder who'll buy lunch at the Overpaid Café: Justin or Sidney? Sigh.

9 **Happy Canada Day.** Bonne Fête du Canada. Păomă jiānádà guóqìng rì.

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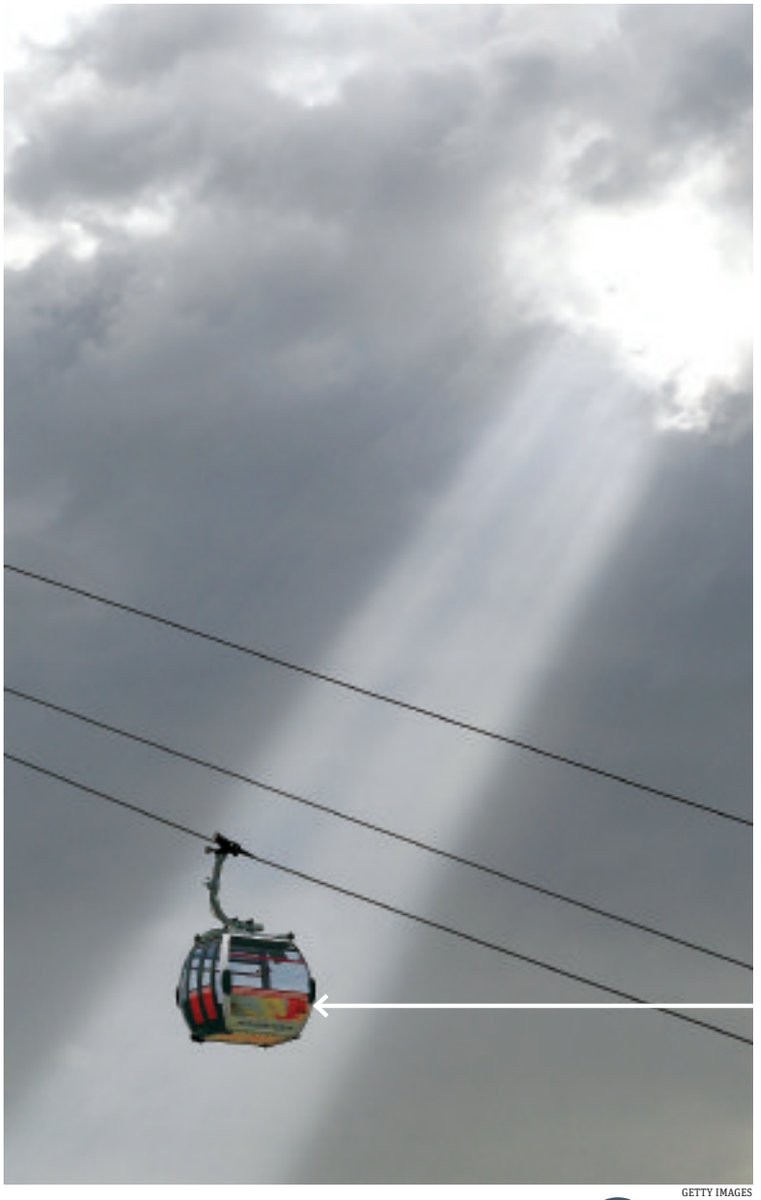
New cable car gets a blessing



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Sky opens in London

New cable car to brighten the city

It's a heavenly sign of good times to come, or at least that's what London's ruling officials want. The U.K. capital opened its first cable-car service on Thursday, a stunning ride across the River Thames that will cater to tourists visiting the nearby Olympic Park. METRO

Mayor's view

"It's beautiful, worth every penny and a stunning piece of engineering"
London Mayor Boris Johnson

Fly flags: Unionized bus workers protest in front of cable cars. GETTY IMAGES

Cable car in numbers

2,500

Transport for London says the cars will carry up to 2,500 people per hour in each direction — the equivalent to 30 buses.

Brittany Waters, a winger with Canada's national women's rugby team, strikes a pose for a 2013 calendar the team is selling as a fundraising tool on the road the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.
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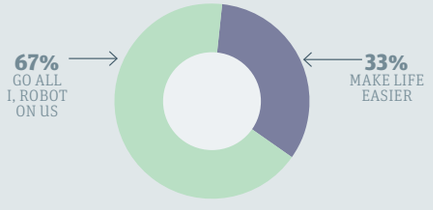

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@iLightUp:
I may have a chemical imbalance that makes me need to do theatrical type dances whenever I hear Lady Gaga songs.

@c_hodges:
SK Government promises to pay 30% of #yqr proposed stadium funding - to a maximum cap of $80M.

@weezermom:
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Lady Gaga's music makes me think I can dance ...#whitegirl-probz

@meaganrebryna:
On route to #yqr for the day!

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In Ted, Mark Wahlberg's girlfriend (Mila Kunis) gives him an ultimatum — choose between her, or his beloved talking teddy bear. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Over-bearing humour?

Ted. Without network censors on his case, Seth MacFarlane lets the politically incorrect jokes fly in new comedy

Richard: The novelty of watching a stuffed bear spout words that would make a biker blush fades soon after the opening credits. After that the movie relies on Seth MacFarlane's trademarked blend of awkward, inappropriate humour to get laughs, and you know what? It works. I didn't feel good about laughing at some of the gags, but I laughed. You?

Mark: Yes, I laughed. There are some very good jokes in the movie, although the film isn't as innovative as it wants us to believe. It's very similar to movies like You, Me, and Dupree which asks the main character to choose between his romantic interest and boorish but lovable best friend. In this case the best friend is a teddy bear, but the dynamic is the same. If you've ever loved one of those dirty ventriloquist acts this movie is surely for you. But the bottom line is: I laughed.

RC: Fans of Family Guy already know what to expect from the big screen directorial debut of Seth MacFarlane. As the writer and the voice behind Peter Griffin on that show he has redefined the limits of what is acceptable on prime-time TV. Now, imagine that without a network censor looking over his shoulder. It's not the concept that pushes the envelope it's the material. It's filled with the kind of jokes you tell around the water cooler the next day, but only in a whisper.

MB: And three cheers to MacFarlane for it! Most movie comedies confuse political incorrectness with cheap gross-out humour but MacFarlane is closer in tone to the South Park creators — there isn't an ethnic or special needs group left unscathed. Animators have known for a long time that when you put these jokes in the mouths of non-humans, it takes away enough of the sting to let them slide. Anything in particular make you laugh?

RC: Like any five-year-old I always giggle at flatulence jokes. I'm not proud of it, but there you have it. They make me laugh and Ted has a restaurant scene involving gassiness and some outraged businessmen that is to passing-gas-scenes what the Odessa Steps sequence is to Battleship Potemkin.

MB: You just made Eisenstein roll over in his grave. I loved the wisecracks and most of the flashback scenes. But the over-the-top motel room fight between man and teddy bear will stay with me forever.

Synopsis

When John Bennett (Mark Walhberg) was a small, lonely child, he wished for just one thing — a best friend. His wish came true, and Ted (voice of Seth MacFarlane), his trusty teddy bear, came to life. The pair became "Thunder Buddies" for life, which causes problems when John grows up and moves in with his girlfriend Lori (Mila Kunis). After four years of living with John and the pot-smoking, foul-mouthed Ted, she makes an ultimatum: it's either her or the stuffed, stoned bear.

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●●○○

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Snoop detained in Norway?

Norwegian media are reporting that Snoop Dogg was briefly detained in Norway after entering the country with marijuana and a large amount of cash. Customs officials decline to confirm the report, saying only that an American artist entered Norway with a small amount of marijuana. Norwegian law prevents law enforcement officials from naming suspects.

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On the web

Playing male strippers in Magic Mike illuminated female fantasy for cast of Hollywood hunks

Andrew Garfield stars in The Amazing Spider-Man, which hits theatres next Tuesday. HANDOUT

Andrew Garfield spins a nervous web

The Amazing Spider-Man. Actor had plenty of anxiety over doing justice to one of his favourite comic book characters

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News in New York

Now that The Amazing Spider-Man is finally about to hit theatres, it seems as though star Andrew Garfield will at last be able to get a full eight hours of sleep.

"I've been nervous for the last two years, it seems," he explains. "Every day, there's been something that's made me have to suppress shaking."

Clearly the British actor felt some pressure after taking up the mantel of Spidey that recently was worn by Tobey Maguire in the three installments that ran from 2002-2007. But it was Garfield's personal connection to Marvel's signature comic book character that got him all tied up in knots, so to speak, for the reboot.

"We all have that one fictional character, at least, that we all care about so much," he says. "If ever that opportunity came for any of us to play it, to serve it, do it justice, when that moment comes, you're like, 'I'm not allowed to sleep. I'm not allowed to think about anything else! I need to dedicate everything to this person that's given me so much in my life that I want to give all of myself to it.'"

Garfield's not the kind of actor who comes off as disingenuous — unless of course, it's in the script. But his naturally quiet, smart, somewhat befuddled nature comes across in his iteration of Spider-man, who's more fidgety and anxious than the Spideys before him. That aspect of the masked hero's DNA was what Garfield held on to.

"That was how I always felt growing up — I felt like an underdog. I was a skinny kid. I always thought I should have been bigger for some reason, because society tells you that," he says. "I played rugby, and I was good at it but I got concussed all the time because I was a weakling. So that was something that I identified with for Peter, because he felt stronger on the inside than he did on the outside ... and there's nothing better than seeing a skinny guy beat the crap out of big guys."

A weakling, he might have been at one time, but Garfield will be poised for superstardom should this reboot of Spider-Man franchise take off.

Staying grounded

Andrew Garfield has made a vow that he'll audition for every role he's interested in — an unconventional practice for well-established actors. "I've had to work for everything that I've been a part of and this is what's satisfying about it, because you know that they really looked at everyone, and you are the right person for that particular story and that particular moment."

Emma Stone. Actress has fun falling in love all over again — for the first time

Emma Stone has quickly become one of the most in-demand actresses in Hollywood. Since her breakout role in Superbad in 2007, she's not only racked up a number of lead roles, such as in The Help and Easy A, but she's also been nominated for a slew of awards for her work. Today, she sits atop a major comic book franchise with Andrew Garfield in the reboot of The Amazing Spider-Man. But she's no role model, folks.

"I don't in any way shape, or form think that I'm any type of a role model or anything like that," she says emphatically. "But I think for whatever reason when you're put into a public place, you have to figure out what that purpose is in your life."

Stone remains focused on her career, expressly stating that she won't talk politics. However, a new contract she's signed with Revlon does give her the opportunity to say something about beauty, even if she seems quite unaware of her own appeal.

"I thought why in the world would I be approached for a beauty campaign, because I had always been the funny girl. That's not to put myself down; that was always the way that my brain worked," she says. "Then I thought about Diane Keaton for L'Oreal and Ellen DeGeneres for Cover Girl, and how sometimes real beauty gets to be celebrated. If I have an opportunity to possibly reach young girls to make them feel like what they are is enough … then that's a game changer."

Stone and Garfield themselves may be re-writing the rules when it comes to the Spider-Man franchise, which audiences had last seen in 2007 with the third installment, starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst, as Mary Jane Watson. In this iteration, helmed by 500 Days of Summer director Marc Webb, Stone plays Peter Parker's first love, Gwen Stacy. With Garfield and Stone romantically involved off-screen, the intense connection they have in front of the camera is that much more believable, as the actress herself hints.

"This kind of swept me off of my feet because she is truly in love with him," Stone says of her and Garfield's characters. "I wanted to experience that feeling of first love before you know what it's like to get your heart completely shattered — that life or death love. It's a matter of un-learning, and becoming 17 again, and letting yourself be 17 in this moment. It's fun, you guys should try it; it's pretty cool to feel that way again."

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Emma Stone plays Peter Parker's first love, Gwen Stacy. HANDOUT

Drama

Take this Waltz

Director. Sarah Polley

Stars. Michelle Williams, Seth Rogen, Luke Kirby

Actor-turned-filmmaker Sarah Polley's follow-up to Away From Her is as poignant as her Oscar-nominated debut. Delving into themes of emotional turmoil, the drama explores a married woman (Michelle Williams) and her repressed desire to seek fulfillment in a bohemian artist. While the premise reeks of convenience (they meet in Halifax only to discover they're neighbours!), Polley's script carries a soft intensity while the cast (particularly Williams) make the film worth waltzing to the multiplex for.

STEVE GOW

Drama

People Like Us

Director. Alex Kurtzman

Stars. Chris Pine, Elizabeth Banks, Olivia Wilde

Sam (Pine) is a selfish salesman who only cares about money. So when his dad passes away and leaves him $150,000, Sam is over the moon — until he finds out the fortune is for a sister he never knew he had. Unsure if he'll give up the money, Sam develops a friendship with his sister, Frankie (Banks), but doesn't reveal their true relationship. Banks is delightful as a fiery single mom, but the film is too long and there are a couple of unnecessary characters that distract from what could have been a decent drama.

REGAN REID

Drama

Magic Mike

Director. Steven Soderbergh

Stars. Channing Tatum, Matthew McConaughey

It would be challenging to make a truly serious movie about male strippers and luckily, director Steven Soderbergh doesn't. A semi-autobiographical story about its chiseled star Channing Tatum, Magic Mike explores the struggle of an "entrepreneur" whose real dream isn't to dance on top of furniture but to build it. It loses strength when the plot turns transparent but the cast (particularly Matthew McConaughey) really has their mojo working.

STEVE GOW

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420 McCarthy Blvd. N. Unit 26, 306-522-9098

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Kramer IMAX Theatre
2903 Powerhouse Dr., 306-522-4629

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Golden Mile
3806 Albert St., 306-359-5250

21 Jump Street (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-3:45-6:55-9:40
Battleship (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:45-6:35-9:25
The Dictator (14A) Fri-Thu 6:45-9:55
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Sound Check

A rendering of the Hall of Fame. HANDOUT

Canada finally getting music hall of fame

SOUND CHECK
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In a speech at the Empire Club last week, Conrad Black mused "Canadians are notoriously non messianic or self-important, and have no illusions about being a light onto the world."

That's a bingo. How else to explain that the Canadian Music Hall of Fame doesn't have a proper home? Despite Canada punching far above its weight when it comes to exporting music to the world, we've done a lousy job of documenting our nation's musical achievements.

That, however, is finally starting to change. The National Music Centre in Calgary is seeing to that. Later this year, construction will begin at a corner east of downtown on a 160,000 square-foot ultra-modern facility that will span 4th Street SE from what is now an empty lot to the King Edward Hotel, a legendary (but now closed) blues joint. When completed sometime in early 2015, we will have a state-of-the-art celebration of Canadian music.

"This will be more than a place with just plaques on the wall," says Andrew Mosker, the NMC's president and CEO. "We want to make it completely immersive and interactive."

Some $75 million is already in place from three levels of government and public fundraising. There's still another $40 million to go, but things look bright.

There will be a 300-seat theatre, a recording studio, a live-work block for artists in residence, a multitude of educational facilities and a large collection of artifacts relevant to our musical history.

And it's more than just rock. There's country music, classical music and jazz (gotta get Glenn Gould and Oscar Peterson in there). Visitors will also learn about the effect geography and multiculturalism has had on our music.

"It's quite a broad vision," says Mosker, "and it will take a lot of work to execute. But we'll do it."

Meanwhile, NMC HQ — located a few blocks west of where the new building will rise — is open for business. They have one of the most spectacular collections of keyboards you will ever see. There are protopianos from the 16th century, Theremins from the 1920s to giant component synthesizers from the 1970s (including the actual synth used in Close Encounters of the Third Kind). The original Rolling Stones mobile recording truck is parked in storage somewhere, too.

So, if you're in Calgary for the Stampede, reserve some time to take a tour of the NMC. Everyone else should look at nmc.ca.

Call Me Maybe the summer's biggest hit

Pop music. Carly Rae Jepsen speaks about the song that has suddenly come to define your favourite months of the year

Carly Rae Jepsen arrives at the 2012 MuchMusic Video Awards at MuchMusic. JAG GUNDU/GETTY IMAGES

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

When we reached out to Carly Rae Jepsen to talk about Call Me Maybe, her suddenly ubiquitous smash, which is No. 1 for the third straight week in a row, we told her that Metro readers had named it the song of the summer, and we'd love to ask her a few questions about it.

Call me, maybe, we said. She was too busy, caught up in the whirlwind that sudden international attention demands, but she asked if we would settle for an e-mail interview. Even in electronic correspondence, the bubbly persona she projects in her hit song comes through.

Hello Carly Rae Jepsen! Congratulations on pretty much having locked up the honour of Song of the Summer with Call Me Maybe.
Oh wow! Thank you so much. It definitely has been quite the ride. Happy to hear it makes the summer playlist!

I've seen that you've said you were shocked about the song becoming No. 1, but when you wrote it, did you have any idea that it would be a hit?
I co-wrote Call Me Maybe with two of my best friends: Josh Ramsay and Tavish Crowe. None of us expected this. We enjoyed the writing and production process and thought it was a fun one, but that's about it.

What time of the year was it when you wrote it?
It was written in the summer time. Started out as a folk song that Tav and I were jamming to while on tour. Then we showed the idea to Josh and he helped us popify it!

There's one part in the 21 Jump Street movie where Jonah Hill's character, as an older undercover cop, calls a girl in his class, and she says something to the effect of, "What are you doing? Nobody calls anybody anymore!" Was there any thought that using the phrase "call me" might seem outdated to kids?

Was there ever a draft of the song that was Text Me Maybe or anything?
Nah, text me doesn't sing as well.

There have been so many tributes and parodies of Call Me Maybe, which one is your favorite?
That's hard to decide. I like the video with Justin Bieber, Selena Gomez, Ashley Tisdale and the guys from Big Time Rush. It was sort of the video to spark them all so it's special to me. That being said, the Katy Perry one makes me smile too.

Any plans to incorporate the Harvard Baseball team's elaborate choreography into your live show?
Yah, I know, that's not a bad idea.

So many people have already covered the song as well, if you could hear any artist living or dead cover it, who would it be?
John Mayer... He's my celebrity crush. Him and Ryan Gosling. A duet perhaps?

The Song of the Summer is such an interesting honour because it means your song serves as the soundtrack to a time of year that is so traditionally happy. What have been some of your own personal Songs of the Summer from growing up? Any fun memories to share?
My summer is always about camping, which means guitars and bonfires and good old fashioned sing-alongs.

Dance diva. Erika Jayne keeping her musical sound clean and simple

Since her debut in 2007, pop singer Erika Jayne has dominated the top of the Billboard Dance Chart with hits like Stars and Party People (Ignite the World). Metro caught up with her at her L.A. rehearsal space before she heads north.

How is rehearsal going?
It's good. You know, we're putting the show together and teaching someone new, so that's always a fun process. And it gives me a chance to brush up, for me to revisit it — a tune-up, actually.

You've been making music videos as well. What's the best use for those, now that MTV and VH1 aren't really an avenue anymore?
I think, you know, you put them on the Net, and that's really where they're found. I've had a great response, and I look forward to having bigger, better responses. And we just shot a video to my new single, Get it Tonight. We just finished it up and it should be out soon.

That video takes place in a Japanese-stylish arcade, and it's filled with my favorite things, which are boys and fun (laughs). And lots of bright colors and lots of fun and lots of smiles, you know. Hot dudes and really cute girls. There's a great dance break in it, a partner break this time. I've never done a partner break in a video before, so that was fun. It's a really easy, fun video.

How much do you try to recreate that live?
It depends. Like, I'm not going to have boys and girls on stage this time, so I can't recreate that dance break. But there's definitely a common thread. The show is girls, hot short-shorts — we're doing (City-TV's) Breakfast Television the day before, which will be fun. It's going to be fun — super-sexy.

Where are you looking to take your music, style-wise?
I think the first album and a couple of singles after that was definitely based around the themes of fantasy, love and escape. And this new album that's coming out is really more about glitz, glamour and fun. The music is still deeply dance-rooted, it's got a lot of pop overtones, but it's still very Erika Jayne and it's a "have a good time" message. If I had to describe the new stuff, it would be glitz, glamour and fun.

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Erika Jayne finds herself tearing up the charts and finding new fans. HANDOUT

Twins for True Blood couple

Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer are reportedly expecting twins — and it was one of their True Blood co-stars who let the news out.

Sam Trammell, who stars on the HBO series with Paquin and Moyer and is a father to twins himself, tells Us Weekly he's been doing his best to prepare the parents-to-be.

"It's harder, having twins, but it's all we know. So we're trying to impart some decent wisdom," Trammell says.

"I told them to hold on tight."

Russell Brand

Brand calls for British revolution against Royals

Russell Brand is unimpressed with the British Royal Family and thinks it's time for a change. The recent Diamond Jubilee, celebrating the Queen's 60-year reign, didn't help matters, either.

"People need to have things to celebrate otherwise we realize that we are oppressed and unable to express ourselves freely because we are at the behest of all these corporate entities," Brand says in an interview with Conan O'Brien. "So yeah, have a party to distract us from the fact that we're being tyrannized, why not?"

So what's Brand's solution? "It's time for a bloody revolution," he says. "It only takes one to chop off someone's head."

Spice up your life!

After announcing an upcoming musical featuring their songs, the Spice Girls are auctioning off their iconic outfits for charity.

According to the Daily Mirror, Sporty is handing over some Adidas pants and sports bras, Baby is kicking in a frilly dress and Ginger is parting with her signature Union Jack dress.

We're calling it now: Dibs on the platform sneakers.

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The Word

Kelly Osbourne explains drunk flight

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After sobbing over a pile of cocktails on a recent flight, Kelly Osbourne wants to clear things up.

The reality show star — who has been to rehab for drugs, but admits to drinking moderately — tells Radar Online that she had been doing research about multiple sclerosis after her brother's diagnosis and became overwhelmed.

"On the plane I started looking at the website," she tells the site. "It described how bad certain cases of MS got, and it made me lose it."

Kelly, the next time all you have to say is, "I was thousands of feet up in the air in an insane machine that doesn't even have the courtesy to flap its wings." We've had that cry.

Awkward breakup on the Today show

As expected, Ann Curry hosted her last Today show yesterday. After a week of suspiciously cute break-up outfits — don't think we missed those electric blue pumps, Ann — she gave a tearful goodbye to viewers.

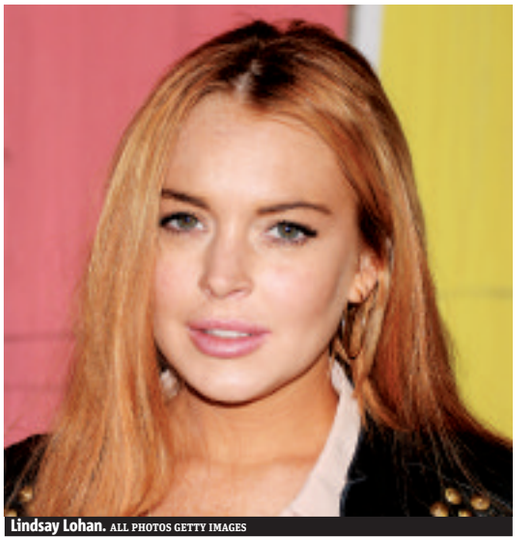
While Curry deployed her signature listening-and-very-concerned eyes when Al Roker and Natalie Morales said their parts, things with co-host Matt Lauer were painfully awkward — even by Today show standards.

Despite rumours that Lauer demanded Curry be fired as ratings dropped, he went in for an ill-advised goodbye kiss, which landed somewhere between her wince and her grimace.

For her part, Curry is doing an impressive job of playing technically nice while still hinting that a hedgehog with an Us Weekly subscription could do Lauer's job.

"Obviously he's considered the golden boy of morning television," she tells USA Today after discussing her plans to cover women's rights in Syria.

"He's so good when you sit next to him; it's hard not to be helped by that. He's funny and glib, and he knows how the show works."



Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lohan settles 'hostage' suit

Better late than never: Lindsay Lohan has finally reached a settlement for a lawsuit relating to a 2007 reckless driving incident during which she took three men "hostage" while chasing down her assistant, according to TMZ.

The incident resulted in Lohan's second DUI arrest. On the night in question, the three men arrived at a party in Malibu just as Lohan's assistant quit her job and drove off. Lohan reportedly commandeered the men's car — with them in it — to make chase.

During the chase, the men say Lohan was "hostile," declaring she "didn't care about the risk of death" and saying "she was a celebrity, she could do whatever she wants."

She was later arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and cocaine.

Lohan has reportedly agreed to pay off the three men, though the sum was undisclosed and a dismissal is expected to be filed soon.

Sheen speaks out on hotel party rumours

Charlie Sheen is quick to deny claims that he had another wild hotel room party in New York last weekend that resulted in him being banned from any Ritz-Carlton property.

"It's just stupid," Sheen tells Hollyscoop. "It's just totally beneath me to even comment on it. It's just that people are so jealous. It's like, 'Another comeback from this guy? Let's just beat him while he's down.' I'm kind of bothered by that, too, but who cares? I'm here and they're not, you know? Period, the end, right?"

Sheen's reps say no such party took place, and they've even produced a Ritz employee to chime in with, "Charlie was here for three days. He looked so good. He was clean and sober and very friendly."

The employee added that Sheen's room "was clean" when he checked out.

Twitter

@_juliannemoore
Why does my car smell like old bananas? Oh .... Because my kids left old bananas in my car.

@ActuallyNPH
Goodbye, Montreal! I had such a great time - the sights, the food, the people - I think you might be my favorite city in Canada!

@Dolly_Parton
I'm old enough and cranky enough now that if someone tried to tell me what to do, I'd tell them where to put it.

@SethMacFarlane
Drake didn't steal Rihanna from Chris Brown, he just sampled her.

3 LIFE

Nothing says O Canada like gravy, cheese curds and fries

Poutine. Three Canadian chefs tell us what topping makes it the perfect dish

It's uniquely Canadian and in its purest form consists of three simple ingredients. But chefs are getting a lot more creative with poutine toppings. From bacon, and pulled pork to vegan gravy and mushrooms, if you can dream it, it can probably top your poutine.

"I like poutine with smoked meat in it. It substantiates the dish, soaks up some of the juices, keeping the fries a little crispier. Call me biased, but fries, cheese, gravy and smoked chicken makes for a fabulous dish."
David Neinstein of Barque Smokehouse

"Today, poutine can have almost any topping you can think of: Pad Thai Poutine, Butter Chicken Poutine, Braised Beef Cheeks Poutine and on and on. I have many favourite additions such as crispy pork belly, sticky beef short ribs and duck confit with green onions."
Stephen Pynn of Bannock

"For me, the perfect topping is an easy choice — lobster! As Canadians, we have a few national foods that everyone can identify and are familiar with: poutine and lobster. Why not combine them both? You are taking a classic poutine and adding a serious flavourful kick. That's easily my favourite poutine."
Matt Dean Pettit of Rock Lobster Food Co.

History

The dish originated in rural Quebec in the late 1950s. Several Québécois communities claim to be the birthplace of poutine, including Drummondville and Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu. One often-cited tale is that of Fernand Lachance, from Warwick, Que. who claims that poutine was invented there in 1957 when he exclaimed, "ça va faire une maudite poutine ("it will make a damn mess"), hence the name.

Liquid Assets

Drinking the red & white

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Oh, Canada, I remember a day when your wine looked like 50 shades of varnish and tasted almost as bad. We should all be happy that times have changed.

Canada Day is an excellent opportunity to drink to the flag and with family being such a big part of a long weekend, I can't think of a better place to start than Sibling Rivalry from Ontario's Henry of Pelham.

The 2010 VQA Red ($13.95 - $15.99) is a soothing blend of merlot, cabernet franc and cabernet sauvignon with plump berry fruit and upfront oak that's made for grilled meats. Meanwhile, the 2010 VQA White ($13.95 - $15.99) is a hip mix of riesling, chardonnay and gewürztraminer that's a sexy, seafood friendly combo of citrus and flowing aromatics.

PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

Readers' Choice

What is your ideal topping?

We asked Twitter: There's cheese curds and gravy, but what extra ingredients would you add to poutine to make it spectacular?

- @Metrick_System: Shawarma poutine?
- @bertiec1: BACON.
- @Roxxanao: salsa, guacamole and sour cream! Mmm #TexMex #poutine
- @_Shereen: Hot sauce #poutine
- @AdamWeitner: anything more just ruins it in my opinion. More is not always better!
- @chinxman Of course... Bacon!

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On the web

Scan this code or visit metronews.ca/food for a Lobster Poutine recipe from Chef Matt Dean Pettit

Smokehouse. Neinstein's version boasts chicken

1. Place cut potatoes in bowl and let water run over them for 10 mins. In the meantime, preheat oil to 350 F using candy thermometre. Preheat oven on broiler function.

2. Strain fries and pat dry. Fry potatoes in two batches 4 minutes at a time. Let the oil heat up between batches. Place fries on paper towel to cool.

3. While fries are cooling, follow demi-glace instructions to make gravy and add a tablespoon of chopped thyme to finished product.

4. Pull meat from chicken, discarding the skin.

5. Fry potatoes second time, also in two batches, at 360 F until golden brown, about 3 to 4 minutes. Place fries on paper towel to cool, season liberally with salt and paprika.

6. Place fries in heat-proof dish, sprinkle pulled chicken, then dot with cheese curds and place in oven 3 minutes, watching that it does not burn. Remove from oven and top with gravy.

RECIPE COURTESY OF DAVID NEINSTEIN

Ingredients

- 2 russet potatoes, cleaned and cut into 3/8 inch sticks
- 3 litres vegetable oil
- Package powdered demi-glace
- Thyme, salt and paprika, to taste
- 2 smoked chicken thighs
- 8 oz package cheese curds

Pynn's stuffed vision

1. Sauté onion and celery in the butter until soft. Mix with other stuffing ingredients and stuff a chicken. Roast chicken for 35-45 mins. at 325 F.

2. After letting cool and stripping chicken of meat, roast bones at 425 F until well browned, approximately 30 mins. Turn heat down to 325 F and add garlic, celery, onion and herbs and cook for 15 mins.

3. In a sauce pot melt butter and add flour, stirring the whole while over a low heat. Slowly add 1 1/2 litres of stock and continue to stir. Add all remaining ingredients (but pepper, vinegar, curds and fries) and contents of roasting pan.

4. Bring to a simmer and cook for 20 min or until desired consistency is reached. Thin with remaining stock if required. Add cracked pepper and splash sherry vinegar.

5. When ready to dress poutine, crisp some stuffing in a non-stick pan. Then, add fries, cheese curds, stuffing and piping hot gravy in stainless steel bowl that will allow curds to melt with gravy. Top off with more stuffing.

RECIPE COURTESY OF STEPHEN PYNN

Stephen Pynn. SUBMITTED

Ingredients

Stuffing
- 1/4 cup each diced onion and celery
- 1/3 cup diced butter
- 1 egg
- 3 cups bread crumbs
- 1 - 1 1/2 tsp dried savory
- salt and pepper to taste
- whole chicken

Gravy
- Chicken bones from chicken (including skin and wing tips)
- 1/4 cup sliced celery
- 1/2 a head of garlic
- 1/4 cup sliced onion
- 5 sprigs thyme
- 2 sprigs rosemary
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tbsp black peppercorns
- 1/2 lb butter
- 1/2 lb flour
- 2 litres chicken stock
- Cracked black pepper
- Splash sherry vinegar
- Cheese curds
- French fries

NHL

Salary cap inflates to $70.2M US

The NHL salary cap is going up, allowing teams to spend about $6 million US more on players this season.

Before opening labour talks, the league and the NHL Players' Association announced the cap has been set at $70.2 million US. That's a significant jump from last year's cap of $64.3 million.

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NHL

Kings lock up Quick for 10 more years

Jonathan Quick agreed to a 10-year contract extension on Thursday with the Los Angeles Kings, who locked up their playoff MVP goalie through the 2022-23 season.

Quick won the Conn Smythe Trophy while leading Los Angeles to its first Stanley Cup championship earlier this month. He can't sign the contract until Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Athletics

Zelinka breaks own heptathlon record

Jessica Zelinka is heading to the London Olympics on the heels of a Canadian-record performance.

The 30-year-old from London, Ont., broke her own national heptathlon record Thursday en route to winning the Canadian Olympic track and field trials for her seventh national title.

Zelinka posted 6599 points — the third best score in the world this year — to better her previous Canadian-record score of 6490 she set in finishing fifth in the gruelling seven-discipline heptathlon at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

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Time to kick off

CFL EXTRA POINTS
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A tumultuous CFL offseason is over and a historic campaign is about to kick off. Let's take a quick look at how the teams stack up in the chase for the 100th Grey Cup championship Nov. 25 in Toronto. PHOTOS: THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto Argos

The addition of QB Ricky Ray is supposed to spark the Double Blue to a hometown Grey Cup.

Under the guidance of new head coach Scott Milanovich, the former Montreal offensive coordinator, the Argos offence should be better than in recent years. The addition of former Calgary defensive co-ordinator Chris Jones, whose pressure schemes were legendary in Cowtown, will make Toronto's defence tougher to attack.

Hamilton Tiger-Cats

The addition of QB Henry Burris, reunited with head coach George Cortez, made Steeltown headlines in the off-season. The signing of SB Andy Fantuz to a fleet-footed receiving corps suggests the Tabbies could contend for the cup. The Cats have question marks on defence, but may have enough talent to earn a ticket to Toronto in November.

Winnipeg Blue Bombers

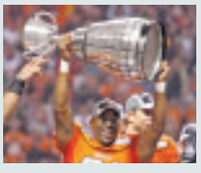
The team with the longest Grey Cup drought faltered in the big game last November, the final clash for DT Doug Brown, who retired and now wears makeup on TSN.

The Bombers might be the deepest team at QB this season with Buck Pierce, Alex Brink and Joey Elliot. Construction delays with their new stadium forces the Bombers to start the season with four road games. They could find themselves in an early hole.

Montreal Alouettes

The Als' defence was crushed in the East final last fall, forcing significant changes in the offseason.

Montreal brought in new D coordinator Jeff Reinebold, who will likely implement a 3-4 defence. QB Anthony Calvillo, who enters his 19th CFL season and turns 40 this year, will again have to answer doubters who feel his career is coming to an end.



B.C. Lions

Defending Grey Cup champs lost head coach Wally Buono to the front office in the offseason, but replacement Mike Benevides should make a smooth transition filling the legend's shoes.

The Lions also lost defensive mainstays DL Brent Johnson, CB Davis Sanchez, LB Solomon Elimimian and DT Aaron Hunt. The champs are unlikely to repeat.

Calgary Stampeders

The Stamps experienced significant upheaval over the winter, choosing to make major changes to the roster in an effort to get younger and quicker.

The Stamps dealt former CFL most outstanding player QB Henry Burris, and released both RB Joffrey Reynolds and WR Ken-Yon Rambo. Key will be the emergence of new starting pivot Drew Tate, who assumed the No. 1 role late last season.

Edmonton Eskimos

Fans are fuming over the trade of QB Ricky Ray to Toronto, and it won't take long to find out whether well-travelled pivot Steven Jyles can find a home in Edmonton.

The move opened up cap space for the Esks, but that doesn't matter if Jyles falls on his face wearing Green and Gold. Edmonton fans have always had great expectations, but little patience.

Saskatchewan Roughriders

After just five wins last season, the Riders not only brought in new head coach Corey Chamblin but also gutted much of their 2011 roster.

Now Chamblin has to hope QB Darian Durant, whose numbers slipped last season, can regain his form behind an improved O-line and the return of trustworthy WR Rob Bagg.

4 SPORTS

Cycling

"I was unsettled by the story, but when I read it in the paper ... I realized there was nothing in it."

Europcar manager Jean-Rene Bernaudeau said he is stunned by the doping investigation opened by French prosecutors into allegations of improper use of a controlled corticoid by his riders during last year's Tour de France. This year's Tour begins Saturday.

"My team has always been committed to protect the health of its riders."

Jean-Rene Bernaudeau

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On the web

After Middleweight title-holder Anderson Silva promised to break his challenger's legs, the UFC was quick to respond — with a press release to make sure everyone was aware of the outburst. Scan the code for the story.

NHL. Crosby to ink US $104.4M, 12-year extension with Pens

Sidney Crosby GETTY IMAGES FILE

Sidney Crosby's superstitious nature and desire to win another Stanley Cup appear to have worked in favour of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

While the US $104.4-million, 12-year contract extension he agreed to on Thursday is clearly a massive haul, the NHL's most recognizable player could certainly have fetched more. Consider that the new deal will carry the exact same $8.7-million annual cap hit as his current one.

It didn't end up being a tough set of negotiations for Penguins general manager Ray Shero and agent Pat Brisson of CAA Sports.

"He just came back after he talked to Pat, near the end here, and just said 'This (salary) is really what I want to help out with the team,'" Shero said on a conference call. "We certainly appreciate and ownership appreciates that. It's very beneficial and says a lot about Crosby."

Born Aug. 7, 1987 — 8/7/87 — Crosby has long been drawn to those numbers. He's the only NHL player who wears No. 87 on his sweater and if he plays through the end of the extension, he will have enjoyed 17 seasons with an $8.7-million salary cap hit.

Brisson acknowledged Thursday that the contract was structured to pay more in the front portion and Crosby would be 37 when it expires.

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Quoted

"Sidney wanted to be a Penguin forever."

Pat Brisson, Sidney Crosby's agent

NBA. Kentucky Wildcats go 1-2 on draft night

Kentucky kicked things off going 1-2 at the NBA draft.

After the New Orleans Hornets selected Kentucky forward Anthony Davis with the No. 1 pick Thursday, Charlotte followed by taking fellow freshman Michael Kidd-Gilchrist.

Davis will begin his pro career in the same city where he ended it with a national title. College basketball's player of the year as a freshman was the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four. The six-foot-10 Davis averaged 14.2 points, 10.4 rebounds and 4.7 blocks, becoming a dominant defender after growing 7 inches from the start of his junior year of high school.

The pick of Kidd-Gilchrist was loudly cheered, a sharp contrast from the boos Commissioner David Stern received when coming out to announce the picks.

Florida's Bradley Beal went third to Washington, making it three SEC freshman in the first three picks. Cleveland followed with the surprisingly early pick of Syracuse sixth man Dion Waiters at No. 4

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Raptors draft guard

With the eighth pick in the draft the Toronto Raptors selected guard Terrence Ross out of the University of Washington.

Wimbledon

Raonic waits to play another day

Milos Raonic will once again have to wait to complete at match at Wimbledon.

Raonic and American Sam Querrey had their second-round match postponed by darkness.

The 21st-ranked Thornhill, Ont. native had split the first two sets with Querrey and was tied 3-3 in the third before officials called the match.

The pair will resume play Friday with the score at 7-6 (7-3), 6-7 (7-9), 3-3.

Raonic has now had two matches delayed after his first-round appearances was stretched through a night for rain and darkness.

Earlier in the day, Canadian Aleksandra Wozniak dropped a 6-4, 6-2 tilt to China's Zheng Jie, her third second-round exit in her past five appearances at Wimbledon.

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Germany's Marco Reus stands dejected after a 2-1 semifinal loss to Italy in Warsaw, Poland, on Thursday. GREGORIO BORGIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Italy plays spoiler for Germany again

Euro 2012. Balotelli tallies a pair of goals for the right to play Spain for championship

Mario Balotelli finally showed some quality finishing, scoring twice in the first half Thursday to give Italy a 2-1 win over Germany and an unexpected spot in the European Championship final.

Extending its winless streak against Italy in major tournaments to eight matches, Germany had no answer for Balotelli nor Antonio Cassano's creativity.

In the 20th minute, Balotelli had no trouble getting past Holger Badstuber to head in a pinpoint cross from Cassano. Then in the 36th, the 21-year-old striker received the ball behind the defence and blasted a long shot into the top right corner.

While he did score against Ireland, Balotelli was criticized for wasting numerous chances against Spain, Croatia and England.

"This is the greatest night of my life, but I hope Sunday is going to be even better," said Balotelli, who went over to his mother after the match and dedicated the goals to her.

Three in a row

Spain is just one victory away from making history by winning its third straight major tournament and securing its reputation as perhaps the greatest national side ever.

"In the opening matches I had a lot of chances, and I wasn't able to finish them. But In football you also need luck."

Germany failed to trouble Italy for much of the match, but Mesut Oezil scored a consolation penalty in injury time after Federico Balzaretti was whistled for a handball.

Germany had entered the game on a world record 15-match winning streak in competitive matches.

"It's a very bitter defeat," Germany captain Philipp Lahm said. "We tried everything in the second half but our goal came too late. We have so much potential in our team but if we cannot give the right performance at the right time or are not clever enough, then we lose such a game."

Italy will face defending champion Spain in Sunday's final in Kyiv, Ukraine — a rematch of their 1-1 draw that opened Group C.

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Rafael Nadal GETTY IMAGES FILE

Nadal upset in 2nd round

Chasing a drop shot in the second set, Rafael Nadal stumbled and tumbled into the net as his racket went flying to the sideline.

It just wasn't his day. Nadal rose slowly to cheers from the Wimbledon crowd but found himself off balance the rest of the way and made his earliest Grand Slam exit since 2005.

Nadal was overpowered in the second round Thursday by Lukas Rosol, a Czech ranked No. 100, 6-7 (9), 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

The 26-year-old Rosol earned the biggest win of his career playing in Wimbledon's main draw for the first time. He lost each of the past five years in the first round of qualifying.

Nadal entered the day with 583 career match wins, and Rosol 19. Nadal owns 50 titles, Rosol zero. In 178 prior Grand Slam matches, Nadal never had lost to a foe ranked 70th or worse.

Nadal won a record seventh French Open championship this month and was bidding for his third title at Wimbledon, where he was runner-up last year to Novak Djokovic.

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4 Undergoes recession
8 Knockers' noises
12 Onassis, to pals
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14 "— Brockovich"
15 Red or Yellow
16 Brazilian rubber
17 Houston acronym
18 Stuck, in a way
21 "A mouse!"
22 Hem's partner
23 Fear greatly
26 Plead
27 "Great Expectations" lad
30 Path for Hope and Crosby
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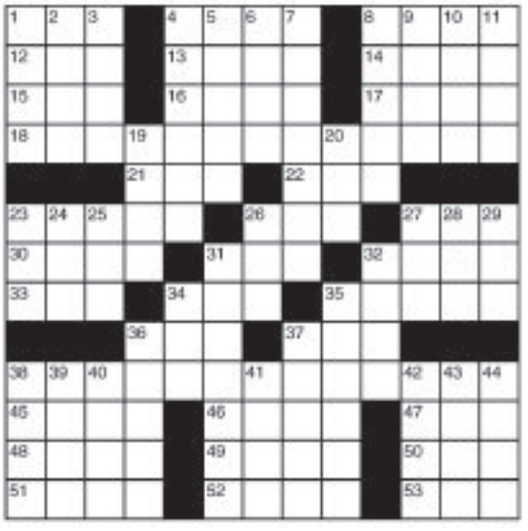

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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Yesterday's Sudoku

5	8	7	3	4	9	6	1	2
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1	6	8	9	7	3	5	2	4
9	7	2	8	5	4	3	6	1

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

TYLJ NLUNKL YZPL BU BASV HUTJ Z ILT LJPLKUNLM, RUXKH BYLO XML Z NZSA UI VZSK RKSNNLAM?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE CARPENTER DIDN'T PUT ENOUGH STAMPS ON THE PACKAGE, SO IT GOT MARKED "RETURN TO SANDER."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals P

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Being a can-do Aries, you always believe that nothing is beyond you but don't fall into the trap of thinking that success will come easy.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. This may be a difficult 24 hours for you but you can make things easier for yourself by not thinking and acting as if you are a victim.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Times are good and about to get even better, and those who say otherwise are either too short-sighted to see the truth or enjoy talking you down.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. The Sun in your sign at odds with Pluto today means you're going to have to choose between two vastly different options. Choose the one with which you're most comfortable.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. There may be times you don't take life too seriously but today even the smallest issue will be expanded in your eyes to world-shattering importance.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You may be a stickler for the rules but today take whatever shortcuts you can to get from where you are to where you need to be.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You will have to trust someone's judgment and let them take the lead role in whatever task you are jointly involved. Don't try to offer advice — just watch closely and learn.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Can you change the habits of a lifetime? You'll find out today as Pluto, your ruler, is opposed by the Sun, forcing you to adapt to situations you know little if anything about.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Be assertive today and make sure you get what you believe you deserve. If it results in a fight, well, that's how it is sometimes.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Make sure you are on top of the facts today because if you are not, you may make a serious error. However, once you do have all the facts, make your decision and stick with it.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. This may be an exciting time for you but today's Sun-Pluto link urges you not to take risks that can, with a bit of foresight, be easily avoided.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. The Sun in Cancer boosts your self-belief but you need to tread carefully, especially when dealing with people whose outlook on life is very different to your own. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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Mel

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